

CLAIMS

Please replace the previous listing with the following re-written version:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A method for reducing damage in a roof membrane caused by hail/fastener impact comprising:

- locating fasteners in a roof construction;
- positioning an individual piece of energy absorbing material to discretely cover each individual fastener of said fasteners whereby said fastener is completely covered by said material; and
- affixing said material to said fastener.

Claim 2. (Original) A method for reducing roof membrane damage from hail/fastener contact as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said affixing is by adhering.

Claim 3. (Original) A method for reducing roof membrane damage from hail/fastener contact as claimed in Claim 2 wherein said adhering is by a self stick adhesive applied to said energy absorbing material.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics comprising:

- a roof substrate having one or more layers of material;
- at least one fastener exposed at a top surface of said substrate;
- an individual piece of ~~dedicated~~ energy absorbing material positioned to discretely cover each individual fastener of said at least one fasteners; and
- a roof waterproofing membrane positioned atop all foregoing elements.

Claim 5. (Original) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics as claimed in Claim 4 wherein said one or more layers of material includes insulation.

Claim 6. (Original) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics as claimed in Claim 4 wherein said energy absorbing material is cover tape.

Claim 7. (Previously Presented) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics as claimed in claim 4 wherein said energy absorbing material is a self-sticking cover tape composed of cured ethylene propylene diene monomer (EPDM) membrane with a butyl gum rubber bottom.

Claim 8. (Original) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics as claimed in Claim 6 wherein said cover tape is ethylene propylene diene monomer.

Claim 9. (Original) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics as claimed in Claim 6 wherein said cover tape is self-adhesive tape.

Claim 10. A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics as claimed in Claim 4 wherein said energy absorbing material is two layers.

Claim 11. (Original) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics as claimed in Claim 10 wherein said two layers comprise a first layer covering a fastener and a second layer covering the first layer and a washer of the fastener.

Claim 12. (Previously Presented) A method for reducing roof membrane damage from hail/fastener contact as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said energy absorbing material is installed on top of the roof membrane in an area directly over and underlying fastener.

Claim 13. (Previously Presented) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics comprising:
a roof substrate having one or more layers of material;
at least one fastener exposed at a top surface of said substrate;
a roof waterproofing membrane positioned over said at least one fastener; and
an individual piece of dedicated energy absorbing material positioned to discretely cover each individual fastener of said at least one fasteners~~atop all foregoing elements.~~

Claim 14. (Previously Presented) A roof system with reduced hail/fastener impact damage characteristics as claimed in Claim 4 wherein at least one layer of said energy absorbing material is dimensioned to only cover a fastener head of said at least one fastener.